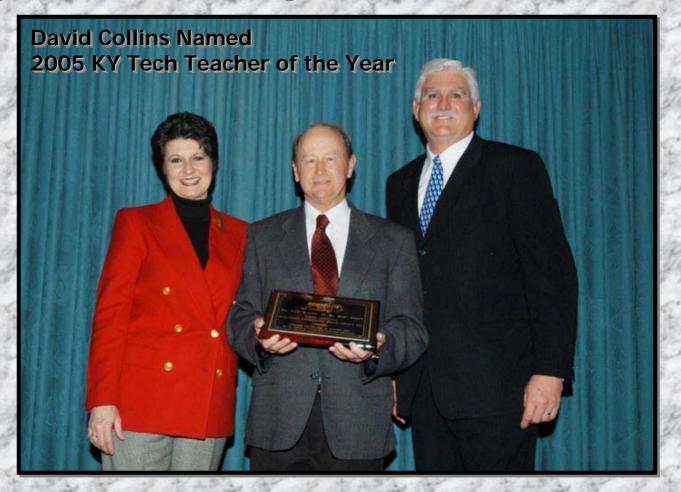
2005 KY Tech State Award Winners Recognized During Official Ceremony at General Butler State Park



From left to right: Department for Workforce Investment Commissioner Laura E. Owens, Mason Co. ATC Electricity Instructor David Collins and OCTE Deputy Executive Director Lewis D. Carter. The twenty-third official Office of Career and Technical Education (OCTE) Awards and Recognition Ceremony was held at General Butler State Park on Wednesday, January 18, 2006.

Department for Workforce Investment Commissioner Laura E. Owens and OCTE Deputy Executive Director Lewis D. Carter were on hand to officially congratulate and present winners with their awards.

KY Tech Teacher of the Year David Collins, Electrical Technology, Mason Co. ATC

KY Tech Beginning Teacher of the Year Karen Smith, Health Sciences, Shelby Co. ATC

KY Tech Outstanding Program
Machine Tool Technology, Brian Janes, Barren Co. ATC

Outstanding Organization Award Kenton County Schools

Individual Merit Award
Barb Campbell, Maysville Community and Technical College

Outstanding Student Achievement Award Erika Maynard, Health Sciences and Computer Applications Martin Co. ATC

Outstanding Administrative Staff Achievement Award Barbara Ann Ison, principal, Letcher Co. ATC

Outstanding Staff Achievement Award Reva A. Sergent, administrative secretary, Letcher Co. ATC

KY Tech Teacher of the Year David Collins, electrical technology, Mason Co. ATC

"Mason Co. ATC is a great place to work and it is an honor for me to have been nominated for the TOY award because in my opinion, my colleagues are all worthy of this recognition."

"I am a firm believer in vocational technical education and very much like teaching electrical craft skills to young adults. Being around students who want to learn is both satisfying and rewarding. However, the most important aspect of what we do each day is to work hard to make positive changes in the lives of our students. Hopefully these efforts stay with them throughout their lives and make a real impact in their ability to become successful hard working people capable of making it in the real world of business. While this means becoming skilled and being compensated for mastering a craft, it also means becoming a well-rounded citizen who can make positive contributions in society. It's a great responsibility that we all have in trying to assure these outcomes. A caring and dedicated teacher is always ready for the challenge."

2005 KY Tech Beginning Teacher of the Year



Left to right: Department for Workforce Investment Commissioner Laura E. Owens; Karen Smith, Shelby Co. ATC health sciences instructor and OCTE Deputy Executive Director Lewis D. Carter.

2005 KY Tech Beginning Teacher of the Year Karen Smith, health sciences, Shelby Co. ATC

"Career and technical education (CTE) is objective and skill based. Nursing is a skill-based profession. The two blend to offer me the best of both worlds. Not only are nurses required to master many skills, we are responsible for the 'soft skills' required to connect with the human side of life. We are responsible to teach our patients about their health issues."

"I believe I bring to the classroom a zeal for teenagers, a consistent professional presence for our high school students and a positive role model for our future healthcare providers. One of my responsibilities with our students is to instill a positive work ethic into a generation where a 'smack down' attitude has become commonplace. The standards I set for our students are high for these future healthcare providers. The strong work ethic that was modeled to me is what our students see in this classroom."

"What I value the most in Karen Smith is her willingness to stretch," says Shelby Co. ATC Principal Debbie Anderson. "She comes to work ready to teach and I truly believe her reason for being here is to help make a difference in the lives of her students."

2005 KY Tech Program of the Year Machine Tool Technology — Barren Co. ATC



Barren Co. ATC Principal Hal Toms (center) accepts award on behalf of Machine Tool Technology Instructor Brian Janes. At left is Department for Workforce Investment Commissioner Laura E. Owens and at right is OCTE Deputy Executive Director Lewis D. Carter.

2005 KY Tech Outstanding Program Machine Tool Technology, Brian Janes, Barren Co. ATC

"I feel that over the last few years, along with my students, local business, school administration and the KY Tech System, we have built an outstanding program at our school," says Janes. "Our students have been given the opportunity to participate in activities that I never dreamed of when I came here. We have written several successful grants. One of the most prestigious was to obtain Unigraphics - a world class Computer Assisted Engineering program."

"We are the only Feature Cam factory recognized training program in the state. We now have 5 Axis mill and EDM capabilities and are working with the drafting program to teach advanced engineering topics such as finite element analysis and Rapid Prototyping. We have also enjoyed co-op and placement successes."

Barren Co. ATC Principal Hal Toms says, "Mr. Janes continually demonstrates his commitment by providing the best technical training possible for his students. Mr. Janes completed the program requirements for NIMS, (National Institute for Metal Working Skills), certification. His was the first program in the state and one of only a few secondary programs nationally to receive this distinction."

2005 Outstanding Organization Award Kenton County Schools



From left to right: Department for Workforce Investment Commissioner Laura E. Owens; Kenton Co. Deputy Superintendent Thomas Hanner; Dr. Terri Brown, director of State and Emerging Programs; Superintendent Susan Cook; and OCTE Deputy Exec. Director Lewis D. Carter.

Outstanding Organization Award Kenton County Schools

Over the last two years, Kenton County School District administrators have worked with faculty and staff at the J.D. Patton Area Technology Center to forge a mutually beneficial partnership to help students succeed. Kenton Co. Superintendent Dr. Susan Cook and Dr. Terri Brown, director of State and Emerging Programs saw a need for academic support in the areas of math and language arts. The Board of Education agreed and funded the placement of two full time teachers and a guidance counselor on site at the ATC. This practical partnership has resulted in positive outcomes - students have been able to stay enrolled at the ATC without losing credits for graduation and students are experiencing fewer academic problems at their respective home high schools.

"In the last year, they have further shown their commitment to technical education by taking the lead in building a state of the art facility and expanding programs at the ATC to meet the ever growing demands of Northern Kentucky business and industry as well as the needs of their students," says J.D. Patton ATC Principal Ray Stanley. "They have done more than give lip service to the importance of technical education. They have put time, money and efforts into creating a true state of the art technical educational setting. They have included me and my staff from outset on the planning and implementation of changes being made to create this new technical center."

2005 Individual Merit Award Barb Campbell, Maysville Community and Technical College Chief Officer of Community, Economic & Institutional Development



Left to right: Department for Workforce Investment Commissioner Laura E. Owens; Mason Co. ATC Interim Principal Daniel Seithers and OCTE Deputy Executive Director Lewis D. Carter

2005 Individual Merit Award

Barb Campbell, Maysville Community and Technical College Chief Officer of Community, Economic & Institutional Development

Nominated by former Mason Co. ATC Principal Juston Pate, Barb Campbell has been instrumental in bridging the gap between high school students and postsecondary students in technical education.

"Campbell cares a great deal about the state of the workforce in our area, and about using technical education as the basis for strengthening that workforce," said Pate. "It is because she cares so much that she makes every effort to promote both the college and ATC programs throughout the community. She has been very active in supporting the schools and their efforts to promote technical education through her involvement in work programs, the advancement of course offerings, by chairing or sitting on various councils and committees to support technical education, and by actively recruiting students into the programs from sixth grade to unemployed adults."

"The consummate professional, Barb works tirelessly to bring the appropriate parties together for committees and meetings and is constantly searching for new partners to strengthen the state of our organization and the workforce in this area."

Outstanding Student Achievement Award Erika Maynard, Martin Co. ATC Health Sciences and Computer Application



From left to right: Department for Workforce Investment Commissioner Laura E. Owens; Martin Co. ATC Health Sciences and Computer Applications Student Erika Maynard; and OCTE Deputy Executive Director Lewis D. Carter.

Outstanding Student Achievement Award Erika Maynard, Health Sciences and Computer Applications Martin Co. ATC

"There are those individuals that are 'once in a lifetime' meetings. One feels they have been touched by someone or something special. Erika Maynard is that kind of individual," says Martin Co. ATC Health Sciences Instructor and 2004 KY Tech Teacher of the Year Martha Williams. "I have been so privileged to have her as a student in my health sciences program for the last two years. She has challenged me in my profession, but she has also touched my heart. She is intelligent, warm, caring and a natural born leader. I have never had a student that I could delegate such challenging tasks to and know that she would achieve greater results than I myself could achieve."

"As advisor for both HOSA and Vocational-Technical Honor Society, we have maintained a very active program of work. There has been a community service project every month. Erika has been a leader as well as active participant in each and every project. She has a heart for serving others and I am always amazed at the compassion she communicates when caring for patients in health science clinical rotations. I know she is one of those students that years from now, I will hear of the great things she has accomplished. She makes me proud to serve as her teacher."

Outstanding Administrative Staff Achievement Award Letcher Co. ATC Principal Barbara Ann Ison



From left to right: Department for Workforce Investment Commissioner Laura E. Owens; Letcher Co. ATC Principal Barbara Ann Ison and OCTE Deputy Executive Director Lewis D. Carter.

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Barbara is always an exuberant advocate for technical education. She believes in the mission of technical education and never misses an opportunity to let her audience know how important it is to the economy of the community, state and nation. She has an exceptional relationship with the local school district and is working tirelessly to have a new area technology center built on the campus of the new Letcher County Central High School.

She has worked extensively to establish dual credit agreements with the local community college and to get as many credits as possible for technical students. She is highly respected in the community and throughout the state as being a strong supporter of technical education.

A civic-minded person, she is on the family resource center advisory committee, the KCTCS LPN program advisory committee, serves as treasurer of the Rotary Club of Whitesburg and helps with new principal internships.

Barbara Ison was nominated by Knott Co. ATC Principal Patrick Goodin and Letcher Co. ATC Counselor Stanley Dixon.

Outstanding Staff Achievement Award Reva A. Sergent - Letcher Co. ATC Administrative Secretary



From left to right: Department for Workforce Development Commissioner Laura E. Owens; Reva A. Sergent, Letcher Co. ATC administrative secretary; and OCTE Deputy Executive Director Lewis D. Carter.

Outstanding Staff Achievement Award





Reva A. Sergent - Letcher Co. ATC Administrative Secretary

"I am very proud to be a product of technical education. I graduated in January 1972 with a diploma in Business Education from the Letcher County Area Technology Center and began my career in March 1972 as secretary of the school," says Reva. "I have seen first hand the benefits of technical education for the many students who have chosen to take classes at the ATC. I am very proud to be a part of an organization that enables its trainees to become employed in good paying jobs and continue to live in the county. I never fail to let people know that I am a product of this school and the fact that I received excellent training. As a result, my life-long career as a secretary has been very rewarding. Not only did I receive training in business education skills, I was taught the importance of having a good work ethic and being professional."

"Reva Sergent is one of the most talented individuals I know," says Letcher Co. ATC Principal Barbara Ison. "She is the type of employee that you never have to ask if the job is done. She is professional and has a great attitude about her job. She has a strong sense of what is right and wrong and I think that is why we

have always worked so well together."

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